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MISSION AND RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX

1. THERE FOLLOWS OFFICIAL TRANSLATION THIRD-PERSON NOTE NO. 489
DATED AUG 4, 1978, RECEIVED FROM USSR MISSION CONCERNING
ALLEGED "HOSTILE ACTIONS" DIRECTED AT SMUN AND RESIDENTIAL
COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE:

BEGIN TEXT

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND ONCE AGAIN DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE
US MISSION TO THE CONTINUING HOSTILE ACTIONS WHICH HINDER
THE NORMAL OPERATION OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN.

ON AUGUST 1, 1978 FROM 4:55 PM UNTIL 6:00PM AN ASSEMBLAGE
OF HOOLIGANS TOOK PLACE IN FRONT OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE
UN ON THE CORNER OF 67TH STREET AND 3RD AVENUE. ITS PAR-
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TICIPANTS SHOUTED THREATS AND UNPRINTABLE OBSCENITIES AT
SOVIET DIPLOMATS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND BRAND-
DISSED PLACARDS BEARING CRIMINALLY PUNISHABLE APPEALS FOR
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS.

ON AUGUST 2, 1978 FROM 11:30 AM UNTIL 12:15 PM A NEW ANTI-
SOVIET PRANK OCCURRED AT THE SAME LOCATION. HOOLIGANS CARRY-

ING SIGNS WITH VULGAR ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS PARADED ALONG 67TH STREET IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE MISSION BUILDING AND BOTHERED MISSION EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES. THE POLICEMEN WHO WERE OBSERVING THIS DID NOT TAKE ANY MEASURES WHATSOEVER TO PUT AN END TO THESE PROCESSIONS, VIRTUALLY CONDONING THEM.

THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN DRAWS THE US MISSION'S ATTENTION IN PARTICULAR TO THE INSULTING AND PROVOCATIVE NATURE OF THE THREATS AGAINST EXECUTIVES OF THE SOVIET STATE ON THE PART OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ASSEMBLAGES.

HOSTILE ACTIONS OF THIS NATURE ARE PUNISHABLE UNDER THE "FEDERAL LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE USA," WHICH, AS IS KNOWN, SPECIFICALLY FORBIDS "PICKETING AND OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS WITHIN 100 FEET FROM ANY MISSION." THE ATTEMPT OF US AUTHORITIES TO SHIRK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LAW, AS WELL AS TO EVADE THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS THEY HAVE ASSUMED, IS, AT THE VERY LEAST, PERPLEXING.

ON THE SAME DAY, AUGUST 2, 1978, THREE CONTAINERS OF A WHITE LIQUID WHICH IS EASILY SOLUBLE IN WATER -- THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF WHICH IS NOW BEING ASCERTAINED MORE PRECISELY -- WERE TOSSED BY UNKNOWN PERSONS FROM OUTSIDE THE PROPER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TY OF THE USSR MISSION'S RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE INTO THE SWIMMING POOL ON THE GROUNDS OF THE COMPOUND. CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY THE POOL IS USED BY THE CHILDREN AND WIVES OF SOVIET CITIZENS, IT IS CLEAR THAT HOOLIGAN PRANKS OF THIS NATURE ARE FRAUGHT WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR HEALTH AND LIFE.

THE NATURE OF THESE ACTIONS PROVES BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT THERE IS A GROWING CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT INCITING HOSTILE FEELINGS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND SOVIET PEOPLE AMONG AMERICAN CITIZENS. THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN CONSIDERS THESE PROVOCATIONS TO BE A NEW STEP IN THE ESCALATION OF ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE US.

THE USSR MISSION LODGES A RESOLUTE PROTEST IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIONS WHICH ARE HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND ONCE AGAIN INSISTS THAT THE US AUTHORITIES TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PRECLUDE SIMILAR ACTIONS IN THE FUTURE. END TEXT

2. USUN HAS REQUESTED NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND FBI LOOK INTO THIS MATTER. YOUNG

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